

Schools

KMIS students enjoy rewards for PBS

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The interior of Kings Mountain Intermediate School was transformed into halls of fun, adventure and excitement on Friday, Jan. 29, as the students enjoyed their second Rewards Day this year.

The walls of the gymnasium were illuminated with video game images manipulated by kids wielding controllers and Wii game pieces. In the bleachers, students laughed and played. A side room of the gym was turned into a portal for arts and crafts, where students could make treasures to remember their fun day.

And the commonly quiet library was anything but, as sounds of laughter and exuberant chats escaped over the bookshelves unpunished. Computer screens were filled with board amusements and, on the wall, hung a dry erase board where the students could scribble all they wanted.

It was another day of rewards for students, whose good deeds and positive actions helped them leap over the bar once again set before them. To get to enjoy the games in the gymnasium, students had to earn 150 positive behavioral points over the last nine weeks.

In order to have fun in the library, students had to meet their individual A.R. (Accelerated Reader) expectations. Students earn points for books they read in the Ac-

celerated Reader program.

"Students had to have all of their A.R. points and have an 85 percent average (in their grades) to participate," said head librarian Tonnie Bearfield.

Rewards Day is held at the end of each nine-week quarter for students, excelling in attendance, PBS and A.R. expectations. PBS, which stands for Positive Behavior Support, encourages students to meet the expectations set before them. Whether they're rewarded for minding a teacher, being courteous to a fellow student, or taking responsibility for one's actions, students earn stamps for good behavior and for meeting those various expectations.

At the end of every nine weeks, students can cash in those stamps for a day of rewarding relaxation, socialization and fun.

"Instead of being punished for doing something bad, you're being rewarded for doing something good," explained Maikiea Seright, a sixth grade student at KMIS, who added that the plan seems to be working.

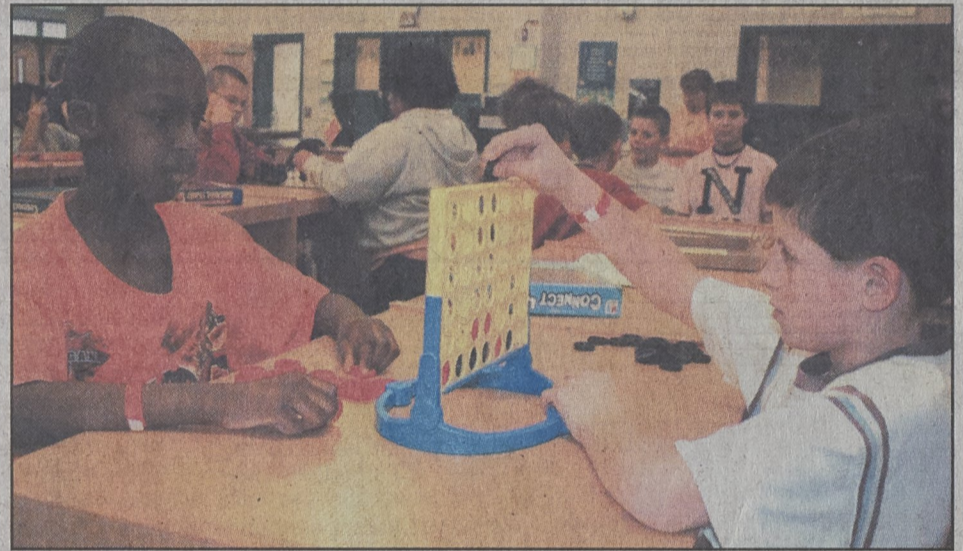
She and her fellow classmates, Matthew Absher and Will Wilson, all top students, gave The Herald a tour of the activities.

"It's all about the PRIDE matrix here," Seright said.

She explained that PRIDE stands for Productive, Respectful, Integrity, Driven and Environment - another encouragement for students to be the best. After all, the best students earn the best rewards.



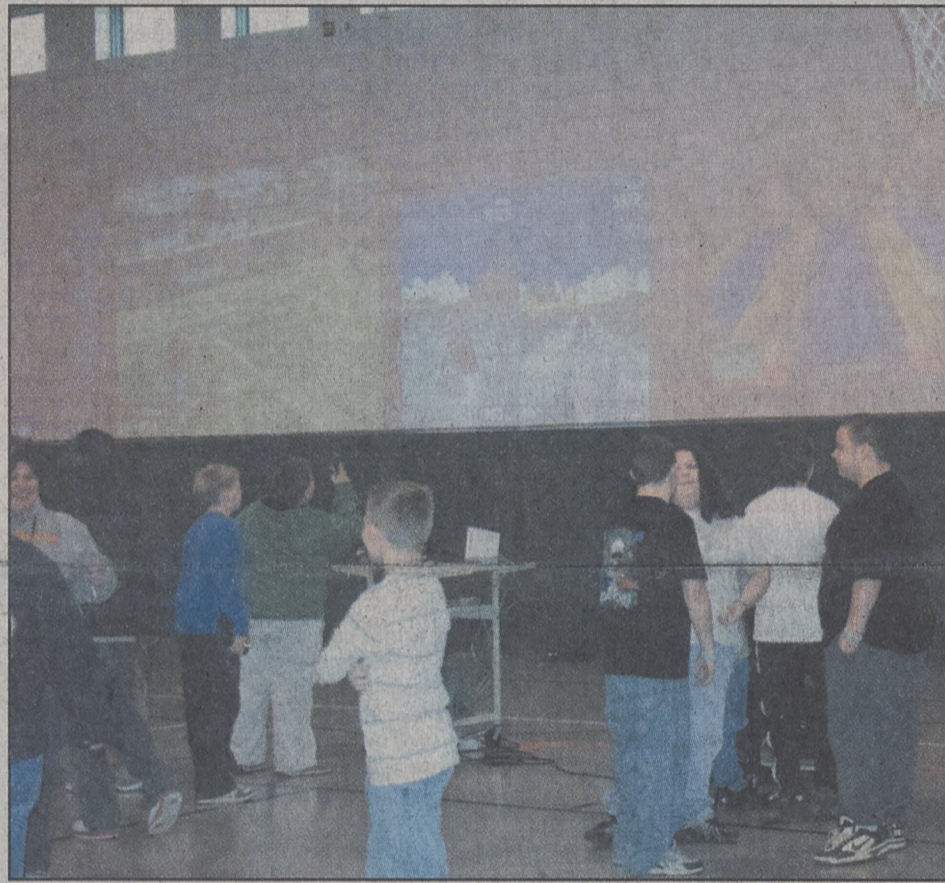
Left to right, some of KMIS' top students Maikiea Seright, Matthew Absher and Will Wilson stop to give a tour of a lively library during the recent rewards day.



Fifth grade KMIS students 10-year-old Dallas Thompson, left, and Brock O'Brien, 11, play a game of Connect the Dots in the library.



Mashay Russ, 11, plays a game on a computer in the library.



Students play video games, projected on the wall of the gymnasium, at KMIS during a recent rewards day.



100th DAY OF SCHOOL - Pictured is Mrs. Amy Smith's Kindergarten class at West School on the 100th day of school. Front row, sitting, Brandon Andrews, Sally Ozmore, Charlie Melton, Seabron Echols, Aydin Roper, Parker Key and TJ Hall; middle row, Weslee Brackett, Karlee Nantz, Savannah Crane, Andrew Myles, Cooper Putnam and Kaylee Carroll; and back row, Sydney Bridges, Ryan Dixon, Kaela Bolin, Ja'Mia Currence, Antwan Walker, Dustin Kirby and Carter Grace Reed. Mrs. Kelly Lovelace is teacher assistant.

CCS sets make-up days for snow and ice

The snow days students delighted in over the past couple of weeks will be made up Feb. 15 and March 19.

Cleveland County Schools has readjusted its calendar to account for the missed days. Originally scheduled as Teacher's Planning Days, Monday, Feb. 15 and Friday, March 19, are now set to be instructional days for students.

Feb. 1st became an Annual Leave Day because of the snow and Memorial Day, originally an Annual Leave Day, is now set to be a Teacher's Planning Day.

Feb. 2nd will now be a Teacher's Planning Day.

A revised school calendar

is posted on www.cleveland-countyschools.org website.

Locals named to WCU dean's list

Brittany Grant, Michael Alan Roper, Judy Jordan Brown, Monica Nicole McMurry and Theresa Anderson Owensby, all of Kings Mountain, were named to WCU's dean's list.

Also on the dean's list were Hannah Elizabeth Billings, Elizabeth Michelle Bridges, Chrystal Dawn Lashley, Dana Brook Miller, Lacey Caitlin Robinson, and Audra Desiree Schrum, all of Bessemer City.

Freshmen, families invited to Freshman Family Night

Kings Mountain High is hosting Freshman Family Night beginning at 6 p.m. Feb. 18 in the cafeteria. All freshmen and their families are invited and encouraged to attend this event, which will feature helpful 20-minute seminars on topics and tips for continued success at KMHS.

Check-in for families and students is from 6-6:10 in the cafeteria. Students and parents will have the opportunity to select three sessions to attend. All sessions will be held in the Expedition building. After a short overview of the night's scheduled activities groups will break out into the following sessions:

- 6:15-6:35 - Session 1
- 6:40-7:00 - Session 2
- 7:05-7:25 - Session 3

Room 2104: Graduation Project and Exit Standards - Marcie McCready. This session will be a quick overview of the Graduation Project. Families and students will have a chance to learn about the four parts of the Graduation Project and when students will be working with each.

Room 2109: Preparing for College, Enrichment Opportunities, Study and Organizational Skills - Liza Dellinger.

This session will focus on getting better prepared for college and will feature a discussion of community service and enrichment opportunities during high school. The session will also highlight how to help your child work smarter, not harder, how to get organized and make better use of your study time.

Room 2212: Technology - Mark and Jeanna Bryson. This session will focus on the technology resources available to assist students at KMHS. Both Apple and PC topics will be addressed. The session will also feature a discussion on technology pitfalls that hinder student performance and make it difficult to complete assignments.

Room 2216: Athletics - Dustin Morehead. This session will feature discussions about the North Carolina state standards and local Cleveland County School standards that determine your child's eligibility to play sports and how students can receive a sports physical at KMHS for \$5. Question and answer session will follow presentation.

Room 2209: Plagiarism and Cheating Policy - Melissa Cook and Amber Nichols. This session will provide in-

formation to help students avoid plagiarism and cite sources correctly (according to MLA standards). Copies of the school's Cheating/Plagiarism policy will also be handed out.

Room 2113: Personalized Education Plans - English and Math teachers. Educational accountability has become stricter with state End of Course testing in various courses. Students now have to pass an EOC test for Algebra 1, English 1, Civics, Biology and US History in order to receive credit for these classes. Some students struggle with testing and other issues throughout the year so the state has implemented a strategy called the Personalized Education Plan. During this session, teachers will discuss the process for PEP, the importance of having one and what families can do to help.

Room 2203: 10th Grade Registration - Paula Goforth. This session will feature a discussion on what classes students should register for, Future Ready Core Diploma requirements, online classes and more to help prepare students and families for their next year at KMHS.

KMHS Players to stage 'Seussical'

The Kings Mountain High School Amateur Players will present their annual musical, "Seussical" Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. and Sunday Feb. 14, at 3 p.m.

Tickets for the show at Barnes Auditorium on the campus of KMHS will be \$6 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and second level Cleveland County Renaissance Card holders. Top level Renaissance holders

and children 5 and under get in free. Part of Friday night's proceeds will go to the Haitian Relief Fund.

"Seussical" is the perfect blend of stories from one of the most treasured and successful children's authors. Blending characters and stories from Dr. Seuss's "The Cat and the Hat," "Horton Hears a Who," and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," among many others, the show follows the

story of Horton the Elephant, who finds himself faced with a double challenge - not only must he protect his tiny friend Jojo (and all the invisible Whos) from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left to his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never

loses faith in him, the only one who recognizes "his kind and his powerful heart."

Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant, in a story that makes you laugh and cry.

This year's musical brings to the stage veteran and new talent.